

Division of Family and Economic Security (DFES)
Bureau of Working Families (BWF)
Governor's Executive Budget Bill 2015 – 2017

Proposed Changes – Additional Items Relevant to BWF

Topic	Statutory Reference	Governor's Proposal and Actions taken by the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF)
Green Bay Boys and Girls Club of America	49.175(1)(z)	JCF adopted Motion #342, which provides \$75,000 TANF annually to the Green Bay Boys and Girls Clubs for the BE GREAT: Graduate program on a one-to-one matching basis in each year.
General Education Development Test Assistance	-	JCF adopted Motion #349. This motion provides \$127,000 TANF in SFY 16 and \$115,000 TANF in SFY 17 to support general education development testing and preparation to individuals who are eligible to receive assistance under the TANF program.
Adult Literacy Grants	-	JCF adopted Motion #365, which provides \$41,600 TANF annually to support adult literacy grants. The grants and assistance may only be provided to individuals eligible to receive assistance under the TANF program.
Legal Services for Low Income Families	-	JCF adopted Motion #370. This motion provides \$500,000 TANF annually for a grant to the Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc. (WTAF). WTAF may provide annual awards of up to \$75,000 to programs that provide civil legal services to address needs related to domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and restraining orders and injunctions for individuals at risk. Participation is restricted to individuals who are eligible to receive assistance under the TANF program and whose gross income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.
TANF Funding for the Earned Income Tax Credit	49.175(1)(g)	The Governor's proposal decreases total funding for the EITC, while the JCF adopted Alternative 3C to increase the amount of TANF for the EITC to \$12.3 million in 2015 - 2017.
Funds for IEVS and Work Program Subsystem Modernization	49.175(1)(g)	The Governor's proposal provides funding for the CARES WP modernization update, but does not provide additional funding for increased staffing for IEVS or WP. The JCF adopted Alternatives A1 and B5. A1 adopts the Governor's recommendation for funding for the CARES modernization update. B5 provides 4.0 positions for data matching under the IEVS requirement as well as funding for the IEVS positions. JCF did not add positions related to WP modernization.